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1. a. The COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) - GRUNOW (O 53/V 51) - FRANKFURT/Oder RR line, about 3.5 miles south of LIEBEROSE (O 52/A 59), leads through an area, several kilometers square which is used as an air force training grounds.

b. East of the RR line there was a grass landing strip with a windcone on it on 14 June 1949; it was marked off by white flags. West of the RR line there were wooden watchtowers and small wooden tanks, and a bridge imitation serving as targets. The previously wooded area which was part of the training grounds burned down about 6 or 7 years ago.

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2. a. Three cantonment buildings marked with a red cross were located at the TAUER (O 52/A 68) RR stop, east of the PEITZ (O 52/A 58) - LIEBEROSE (O 52/A 59) RR line on 15 June 1949. Two aircraft which had not been stripped were parked north of the cantonment buildings.

b. There was not an airfield or meadow nearby, only cleared woods.

3. Comment:

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The existence of an air force training field near TAUER is known from previous reports and the results of radio monitoring. This field is used for firing and bomb release practices by ground attack units stationed in COTTBUS and FINSTER-WALDE. The information on the landing of aircraft at the training field has been received for the first time.

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